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**FORMER TEACHER'S UNION TREASURER SENTENCED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT**

PHILADELPHIA - Peter Rhein, 42, of Philadelphia, was sentenced today to five years probation for embezzling union funds and making false statements to the federal government, announced Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid. Rhein is the former treasurer of the American Federation of Teachers AFL-CIO, Local Union 3845, Unit Lincoln Technical Institute. Last February, he admitted that from about October 1, 2002 until about February 1, 2008, he embezzled approximately \$43,600 of AFT funds, using the union's bank account, for purchases that were for his own personal use. Rhein also admitted to forging the signature of the AFT Local 3845's president and falsifying the union's financial information on annual reports he filed on the union's behalf with the Department of Labor's Office of Labor-Management Standards.

In addition to the probationary term, Rhein was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$28,145.76, in addition to the \$14,500 he previously paid, and to pay a special assessment of \$1,400.

The case was investigated by the Department of Labor's Office of Labor-Management Standards and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark B. Dubnoff.

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